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Report Highlights:

Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers has just published a draft law "On Approval of Procedures for Labeling (Marking) of Food Products Regarding the Content of Genetically Modified Organisms." The draft law envisages only two options for labeling, "GMO-Free" and "With GMO," but does not state threshold levels. Post provides an informal translation of the document.

General Information:

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Begin Unofficial Translation:

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CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE
RESOLUTION
for 2011, #
Kyiv

On approval of the labeling (marking) food by the content of genetically modified organisms

According to Article 20 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine," Article 15 of the Law of Ukraine "On consumer rights protection," Article 7 of the Law of Ukraine "On the State Biosafety System for developing, testing, transportation and use of genetically modified organisms," and Article 38 of the Law of Ukraine "On the safety and quality of food," the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine resolves:

1. Approve the attached procedure for labeling (marking) of food by the content of genetically modified organisms.
2. To cancel the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of May 13, 2009 № 468 "On approval of the labeling of foods containing genetically modified organisms or produced with their use and put into circulation" (Official Bulletin of Ukraine, 2009, № 37, art. 1240), and from July 1, 2009 № 661 "On Amendments to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of May 13, 2009 № 468" (Official Gazette of Ukraine, 2009 p., № 50, art. 1688).
3. To determine that producers can use packing materials and labels made without taking into account the manner approved by this resolution, within 24 months from the date of enactment of this Resolution.
4. Food packaging materials and labels are made without taking into account the manner approved by this resolution, placed on the market no later than 24 months from the date of enactment of this resolution shall remain in circulation in Ukraine before the expiration of validity of such products.
5. This Resolution shall take effect 6 months from the date of its publication.

Prime Minister of Ukraine Mykola Azarov

APPROVED
Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
for 2011, #

PROCEDURE
labeling (marking) of food containing genetically modified organisms

1. This procedure defines the requirements for labeling (marking) of food products containing or not containing genetically modified organisms (hereinafter, GMO), or produced with their use but do not themselves contain GMOs, and are put into circulation in Ukraine.
2. The terms have the following meaning:
food containing GMOs: this is food which all or some of its ingredients containing GMOs;
food produced with genetically modified organisms: a food product that contains GMOs, wholly or partly manufactured using agricultural products containing GMOs. Other terms shall have the meanings given in the Law of Ukraine "On consumer rights protection," "On the safety and quality of food," and "On the State biosafety system for creating, testing, transportation and use of genetically modified organisms."
3. Labeling (marking) of food products containing GMOs or produced from their use, should be done by the manufacturer (supplier) with the relevant information. The inscription "GMO" (plus a footnote) should be put in the list of ingredients after each of the components that contain GMOs or are produced with them. The inscription is printed in the same font as the list of ingredients. For foods that contain a GMO ingredient, the word "GMO," indicating the name of the component, is placed on the label in a font size not less than 2 millimeters.
4. Labeling (marking) of food products containing GMOs or produced using GMOs and sold without packaging or packaging, if the largest surface area is less than 10 square centimeters, is applied by the seller using appropriate text in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Order on the labels next to the food or packaging material type size not less than 2 millimeters.
5. Labeling (marking) of foods that do not contain GMOs and produced using agricultural products that do not contain GMOs is done by applying the inscription "GMO-free" in a font size not less than 2 millimeters

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